A FORM OF PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches, Chapels, and Places of Public Worship, according to the usage of the Church of England, throughout His Majesty's Province of Nova Scotia, on Wednesday, the Nineteenth Day of February, 1812, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General Fast and Humiliation before Almighty God; to be observed in the most devout and solemn manner, by sending up our Prayers and Supplications to His Divine Majesty,

For obtaining Pardon of our sins, and for averting those heavy judgments which our multiplied Provocations have most justly deserved; imploring His Blessing and Assistance on His Majesty's Arms by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety and Prosperity, to Himself, and to His Kingdom.

By Command of His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor.

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The Order of Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service shall be the same with the usual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwise directed.*

¶ *Let him that ministereth read with an audible Voice these Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation*—Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his ways, which he set before us.

I will arise and go to my Father; and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy Son.

¶ *Instead of the* Venite exultemus, *this Hymn shall be used,*

THE sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.

I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord, and so Thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

I will love Thee, O Lord, my ſtrength; the Lord is my rock and my defence; my Saviour, my God, the horn alſo of my ſalvation, and my refuge.

I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praiſed; ſo ſhall I be ſafe from mine enemies.

For I will not truſt in my bow; it is not my ſword that ſhall help me.

But it is Thou that ſaveſt us from our enemies; and putteſt them to confuſion that hate us.

There is no king that can be ſaved by the multitude of an hoſt; neither is any mighty man delivered by much ſtrength.

I will ſay unto the Lord, Thou art my hope and my ſtrong hold; my God, in Him will I truſt.

Thou art a place to hide me in; thou ſhalt preſerve me from trouble; Thou ſhalt compaſs me about with ſongs of deliverance.

The Lord ſhall give ſtrength to his people; the Lord ſhall give his people the bleſſing of peace.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Pſalms*, XXV, XXVII, XLVI.
¶ *First Leſſon*, Jonah, III.
¶ *After the first Leſſon ſhall follow*, Te Deum laudamus.
¶ *Second Leſſon*, St. Matthew, VI.
¶ *Then* Benedictus Dominus, the Creed, &c. *to the end of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the Priest, standing up, shall say,*

Priest. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us.
Answer. And grant us Thy salvation.
Priest. O Lord, save the King.
Answer. Who putteth his trust in Thee.
Priest. Send him help from Thy holy place.
Answer. And evermore mightily defend him.
Priest. Let his enemies have no advantage against him.
Answer. Let not the wicked approach to hurt him.
Priest. O Lord, save Thy people.
Answer. And bless Thine inheritance.
Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Answer. And make Thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Answer. And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

¶ *The two following Collects shall be used instead of the first Collect for the day.*

ALMIGHTY and Eternal Lord God, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, and Arbiter of Nations, We, Thy sinful creatures do prostrate ourselves before Thee, in this time of danger, and implore Thy merciful protection. Save us, we beseech Thee, from the hands of our enemies, who trust in violence, and delight in blood; who, having turned a deaf ear to the voice of peace, have purposed to overthrow our Religion, Laws and Government, and have marked us out as the devoted victims of their ambition and fury. Confiding in Thy Almighty Power, and not in the aid of men, we fly to Thee for deliverance from these impending calamities. Without Thy assistance, the wisest counsels of men, the

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multitude of an hoſt, however great, and the inſtruments of war, however formidable, are weak and vain. Be Thou to us a tower of defence againſt the aſſaults and ſtratagems of our enemies; and let our refuge be under the ſhadow of Thy wings, until this tyranny be overpaſt; that ſo being preſerved by Thy Providence, we may joyfully praiſe Thy name, acknowledge our Deliverer, and faithfully ſerve Thee from generation to generation; through Jeſus Chriſt, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge with grateful hearts, Thine unſpeakable goodneſs in encouraging us to apply to Thee for ſuccour, and to Thy holy word for comfort. We have been ſignally bleſſed in the poſſeſſion of Thy pure Religion, and in the enjoyment of temporal proſperity. But we, alas! have forſaken Thee, the fountain of all happineſs; neglecting the ſubſtance of our pure Religion; and making our worldly goods the inſtruments of evil deſires and practices. We feel and lament this prevailing ſinfulneſs; and devoutly implore the aſſiſtance of Thy grace to reſtore to us a dutiful ſenſe of thy mercy towards us; beſeeching Thee to cleanſe and ſanctify our hearts by the influences of Thy Holy Spirit; and in the multitude of Thy mercies, through Jeſus Chriſt, to do away our offences, and to remember our iniquities no more. O let the light of Thy countenance ſhine upon us this day! Warm and invigorate our drowſy affections; confirm and ſtrengthen our reſolutions of amendment, that we may put away all ungodlineſs and ſinful luſts; and earneſtly follow after that peace which they have who

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love Thy law: That so holding fast the profession of our faith in purity of mind, we may finally become acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then shall follow the second and third Collects at Morning Prayer—and immediately before the Litany the following Prayer shall be used.*

O GOD, who commandest us, when we are in trouble, to open our hearts, and to tell out our sorrows unto Thee in Prayer, and dost promise to listen with compassion to our humble supplications; Give us grace so to approach Thee, that we offend not in word or thought. Put away from us every impatient feeling, silence every unworthy expression; let not our Prayers assume the language of complaint; nor our sorrows the character of despair.

Upon Thee, O God, and upon the multitude of Thy mercies, we repose our grief. To Thee we look for that blessing, for which our hearts bleed. Raise, we implore Thee, our beloved Sovereign from the bed of sickness and of affliction; soothe his parental cares; restore him to his family, and to his people.

And of Thy great mercy, O God, look down with pity and compassion on the accumulated sorrows of the Royal Family. Give them strength, and courage, and virtue to meet, with pious submission, the grievous trial to which they are exposed; and whether it shall seem fit to Thine unerring wisdom, presently to remove from us this great calamity, or for a time to suspend it over us, teach both them and us, patiently to adore thy inscrutable Providence, and to bless Thy holy name for ever and ever.

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These prayers and supplications we humbly address to Thy Divine Majesty, in the name, and through the mediation of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

¶ *Then shall follow the Litany; and after the Prayer* (We humbly beseech Thee, &c.) *the following shall be used*—

O LORD, most good and powerful, we Thy sinful people, here assembled before Thee, do acknowledge it thine unspeakable mercy, that for our manifold and heinous provocations we are not utterly consumed, and given over a prey to our enemies. We confess with sorrow our long unfruitfulness under the means of grace, and the light of Thy Gospel, and the many wonderful deliverances of our Church and Civil Constitution, which Thou, in Thy great goodness, hast vouchsafed unto us. Shouldest Thou, O Lord, enter into judgment with us for the crying sins that abound among us—our infidelity and profaneness, our heresies and schisms, our gross impurities and intemperance, our lukewarmness in Thy cause, and neglect of Thy ordinances, and our other manifold offences: Thou mightest justly inflict upon us the severity of Thy wrath, and deliver us up to the insults and oppression of our cruel enemies. But there is mercy with Thee, therefore shalt thou be feared. Thou art the Lord God, tender and full of compassion; not willing that any should perish; but that all should repent, and be saved. Look down, therefore, we beseech Thee, with an eye of pity and loving kindness on us Thy servants, who, with contrite hearts, do here bewail our transgressions and wretchedness.

wretchedness. Let our land, in this time of trouble, still enjoy the light of Thy countenance, and the blessings of Thy bountiful hand; and so work upon our hearts and minds, by the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, that being turned from the evil and error of our ways, and created to newness of life, we may walk before Thee in all holiness and righteousness in this world, and inherit Thine everlasting kingdom in that which is to come, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our only mediator and advocate.

¶ *Then the People shall say this that followeth, after the Minister,*

TURN us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord; be favourable to Thy people, who turn to Thee in Fasting, and mourning, and Praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment; and in Thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy people, good Lord, spare them; and let not Thy heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Instead of the* Prayer in time of War and Tumults, *let the following be used,*

O ALMIGHTY GOD, maker of the universe, and sovereign Disposer of the affairs of men; at whose command nations and empires rise and fall, flourish and decay: We, Thine unworthy servants, most humbly implore Thy gracious aid and protection,

We flee to Thee for ſuccour in this time of peril and neceſſity, when, in defence of our liberty, our laws, and Religion we are expoſed to the dangers and calamities of war. Vouchſafe, we beſeech Thee, Thine eſpecial protection to Thy ſervant, our beloved Sovereign. Direct his councils, proſper all his meaſures for the welfare of his ſubjects, and for the preſervation of our Church and Civil Conſtitution. Let no internal diviſions, nor any other ſins and provocations of the nation, obſtruct his deſigns for the public good, nor bring down Thy judgments upon us. But ſpare Thy people, O Lord, ſpare them; and by Thy grace, ſo unite us in a ſpirit of obedience to Thy law, zeal for Thy truth, and loyalty to Thine anointed ſervant, whom Thy good Providence hath ſet over us; that we may evermore rejoice in Thy ſalvation, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the United Kingdom, for our Allies, and for the Church.*

O LORD and heavenly Father, look down, we pray Thee, with compaſſion, on the whole race of mankind; particularly on the people of the United Kingdom, and of this Colony, and on thoſe who are involved with us in the dangers and diſtreſſes of the preſent war. Enable us patiently to bear the evils which are neceſſarily incident to ſuch a conteſt, and all other temporal afflictions; and inſtruct us, by Thy grace, to follow thoſe things which make for peace, and for our eternal ſalvation, ſo that our trials may finally promote our everlaſting intereſts. Regard, we beſeech Thee, with Thine eſpecial favour, the Church to which we belong. Protect and defend it from adverſaries and e-

vils, whether from without, or from within; and grant, that all its members may be eminently diſtinguiſhed by a faithful adherence to Thee, their God, and by an exemplary conformity to the precepts of their holy faith. Pour down Thy bleſſing on all Miniſters of Religion, and upon all Magiſtrates; teach and ſtrengthen them to be examples of holineſs to all who are under their charge. Comfort the afflicted, relieve the diſtreſſed, and bind up the broken-hearted; awaken the guilty, and lead back to the path of truth all thoſe who have gone aſtray, and are in the way of error. Finally, be mercifully pleaſed to give us all the ſpirit of peace, of purity, and zeal for Thy bleſſed Goſpel; and unite our hearts in earneſt endeavours to promote the kingdom of Thy dear Son. Grant this, O Lord, for Jeſus Chriſt's ſake, our only mediator and advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Legiſlature, when ſitting,*

MOST gracious God, we humbly beſeech Thee, as for the United Kingdom of Great-Britain and Ireland, and His Majeſty's other Dominions in general; ſo eſpecially for this Province; and herein particularly, for His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, the Council and Aſſembly, under our moſt gracious and religious King, in their Legiſlative capacity at this time aſſembled: That Thou wouldſt be pleaſed to direct and proſper all their conſultations to the advancement of Thy glory, the good of Thy Church, the ſafety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign, and this Province; that all things may be ſo ordered and ſettled, by their endeavours, upon the beſt and ſureſt foundations that peace and happineſs, truth and juſtice, religion

gion and piety, may be eſtabliſhed among us for all generations. Theſe and all other neceſſaries, for them, for us, and Thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the name and mediation of Jeſus Chriſt, our moſt bleſſed Lord and Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the General Thanksgiving, and to the end of Morning Prayer.*

Communion Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* (Almighty God, whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting, &c.) *ſhall be read the two Collects of the day as in the Morning Prayer* (Almighty and eternal Lord God, &c.) *and* (O Lord, our heavenly Father, &c.) *and then ſhall follow—*

¶ *For the Epiſtle*, Iſaiah, LVIII.
¶ *The Goſpel*, Luke, XIII, 1—9 *incluſive.*

¶ *Then ſhall follow the Nicene Creed, and after that the Sermon.*

¶ *After the Prayer for the* whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church militant, *the following ſhall be uſed—*

BLESSED Lord, who at ſundry times and in divers manners, haſt been pleaſed to manifeſt Thy ſingular mercy to our nation in the preſervation of our Religion, our Laws, our Liberties and Government from the ſecret conſpiracies and open attempts of thoſe who had purpoſed to deſtroy them: We, adoring Thy glorious

glorious Majesty; with all praise and thanksgiving for the same, most humbly and earnestly beseech Thee to impress continually upon our minds such a grateful remembrance of these invaluable blessings, that by our religious and exemplary use of them to Thy honour and service, we may obtain the continuance of Thy Protection. Take away from us, O Lord, all hardness of heart, all neglect of Thy ordinances, all contempt of Thy word and commandments. Endue us with a spirit of piety and devotion; a spirit of justice and temperance, of humility and charity, and of all other graces which should adorn the Christian profession; that so Thy dreadful displeasure and judgments may be averted, and iniquity not become our ruin; and that we being Thy faithful people, Thou mayest dwell among us, and defend us from all our spiritual and temporal enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beseech Thee, most merciful God, that by Thy grace, Thou wouldst keep alive in us, who have this day presumed to implore such great blessings at Thy hands, a constant sense of Thy presence, and dependence on Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former lukewarmness, neglect of duty, or violation of Thy holy laws; nor again to yield to those evil passions and desires which have brought down Thy judgments upon us. But save us, O merciful God; save us, not only from our worldly, but also from our spiritual enemies; and most especially save us from ourselves; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE Peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge

ledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Order of Evening Prayer.

¶ *Let him that ministereth read with an audible Voice the following Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation*—Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his ways, which he set before us.

I will arise and go to my Father; and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before Thee, and am no more worthy to be called Thy Son.

¶ *The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning Prayer, instead of the* Venite exultemus, *shall here also be used before the Proper Psalms.*

¶ *Proper Psalms,* LVII, CXXX, CXLIII.

¶ *First Lesson,* II. Chronicles, XX, 1—24.

¶ *The* Magnificat—My soul doth magnify the Lord, &c.

¶ *Second Lesson,* II Peter, II, 1—19.

¶ *Then* nunc dimittis, and afterwards the Apostles' Creed, and Lord's Prayer.

¶ *Then the Priest, standing up, shall say,*

Priest. O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us.

Answer. *And grant us Thy salvation.*

Priest. O Lord, save the King.

Answer. *And mercifully hear us, when we call upon Thee.*

Priest.

Evening Prayer.

Priest. Endue Thy ministers with righteousness

Answer. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

Priest. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Answer. *Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.*

Priest. O Lord, save Thy servants.

Answer. *Who put their trust in Thee.*

Priest. Send us help from Thy holy place.

Answer. *And evermore mightily defend us.*

Priest. Let the enemy have no advantage against us.

Answer. *Nor the wicked approach to hurt us.*

Priest. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

Answer. *And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.*

¶ *Then shall be read the two Collects of the day which were used instead of the first Collect, at Morning Prayer.* (Almighty and eternal God, &c.) *and* (O Lord, our Heavenly Father, &c.)

¶ *Then shall follow the second Collect at Evening Prayer* (O God from whom all holy desires, &c.) *Also the third Collect at Evening Prayer* (Lighten our darkness, &c.

¶ *Then the People shall say after the Minister.*

TURN, Thou, us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy People, who turn to Thee in fasting, in mourning and prayer. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long suffering, and of great pity. Thou spareſt, when we deserve punishment; and in Thy wrath, thinkest upon mercy. Spare Thy People, Good Lord, spare them; and let not thy heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great; and after the multitude of Thy mercies, look upon us through the merits and mediation of Thy blessed Son

¶ *Instead of the Prayer in time of war and tumults, the Prayer shall be used as at Morning Prayer* (O Almighty God, maker of the Universe, &c.)

¶ *A Prayer for the United Kingdom, for our Al[illegible] and the Church; as appointed at Morning Prayer.*

O Lord and Heavenly father, look dow[illegible] pray Thee, with compassion, &c.

¶ *The Prayer for the Clergy and People,* (Almighty and everlasting God.)

¶ *Immediately before the Prayer for all conditions of men* (O God, the creator and preserver of all mankind, &c. *shall be used the Prayer for the King and Royal Family, as at Morning Prayer.*

O God, who commandest us, when we are [illegible] trouble, to open our hearts, and tell out our sorr[illegible] unto Thee in Prayer, &c.

¶ *The Prayer for the Legislature* (Most [illegible] &c.

¶ *[illegible] the General Thanksgiving,* (A[illegible] God, Father of all mercies, &c.)

¶ *The following Prayers shall be then used* (Blessed Lord, who at sundry times, and in divers manners, hast been pleased to manifest, &c.) *and* (We humbly beseech Thee, most merciful God, &c.) *as at Morning Prayer.*

¶ *The Prayer of St. Chrysostom* (Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord, &c.)

THE [illegible]ace of God which passeth all understand[illegible] [illegible] your hearts and minds in the knowledge [illegible] God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; [illegible] of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, [illegible] Ghost, be amongst you, and re[illegible] Amen.

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